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To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to direct the Secretary of State to increase the fee imposed on aliens filing an application abroad for a visa authorizing admission to the United States as a nonimmigrant described in section 101(a)(15)(B) who are nationals of certain countries, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2025

Mrs. WAGNER (for herself and Mr. GILL of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Fee Increases for
5 Reckless Mismanagement Act of 2025” or “FIRM Act of
6 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. FEE INCREASE FOR CERTAIN NONIMMIGRANT VISA**
2 **APPLICANTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Immigration and Nationality
4 Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) is amended by inserting after
5 section 281 the following:

6 **“SEC. 281A. FEE INCREASE FOR CERTAIN NONIMMIGRANT**
7 **VISA APPLICANTS.**

8 “(a) FEE INCREASE.—The Secretary of State shall
9 increase the fee imposed under section 281 on an alien
10 filing an application abroad for a visa authorizing admis-
11 sion to the United States as a nonimmigrant described
12 in section 101(a)(15)(B) in accordance with subsection (b)
13 for any alien who is a national of a country with respect
14 to which the Secretary determines any of the following:

15 “(1) The Secretary of Homeland Security has
16 reported to the Secretary of State under section
17 243(d) that the government of the country has de-
18 nied or unreasonably delayed accepting an alien who
19 is a citizen, subject, national, or resident of that
20 country after the Secretary of Homeland Security
21 asked whether the government would accept the
22 alien.

23 “(2) The Secretary of State has designated the
24 country as a state sponsor of international terrorism
25 (as such term is defined in section 214(c)(4)(F)(ii)).

1 “(3) The country is listed as a tier 3 country
2 in the most recent Trafficking in Persons report of
3 the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in
4 Persons of the Department of State.

5 “(b) AMOUNT OF INCREASE.—The Secretary shall in-
6 crease the fee described in subsection (a) as follows:

7 “(1) If the Secretary determines that the coun-
8 try meets one of the criteria described in paragraphs
9 (1) through (3) of subsection (a), the Secretary shall
10 increase such fee by not less than 50 percent.

11 “(2) If the Secretary determines that the coun-
12 try meets two of the criteria described in paragraphs
13 (1) through (3) of subsection (a), the Secretary shall
14 increase such fee by not less than 100 percent.

15 “(3) If the Secretary determines that the coun-
16 try meets three of the criteria described in para-
17 graphs (1) through (3) of subsection (a), the Sec-
18 retary shall increase such fee by not less than 150
19 percent.

20 “(c) PERIODIC REVIEW.—On the first day of each
21 month, the Secretary shall review the determinations
22 under subsection (a), to determine whether any increase
23 imposed should be reduced, or whether an increase should
24 be imposed on nationals of any additional countries.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
2 for the Immigration and Nationality Act is amended by
3 inserting after the item related to section 281 the fol-
4 lowing:

“281A. Fee increase for certain nonimmigrant visa applicants.”.

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